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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, TUESDAY, MARCH 29

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HEREWITH SUMMARIES OF SIGNIFICANT STORIES (NOT CONNECTED  
WITH MOSCOW TRIP) APPEARING IN NEWSPAPERS OF TUESDAY,  
MARCH 29.

WASHINGTON POST

1. EDITORIAL -- "GEN. BROWN'S POLITICAL MYOPIA"

THE POST FEELS THAT GEN. BROWN HAS A PRIMITIVE NOTION OF  
THE VALUES HE IS SWORN TO UPHOLD, AS SHOWN BY HIS SHOOTING  
OFF HIS MOUTH ON THINGS THAT ARE NOT HIS BUSINESS. THE  
POST NOTES, THOUGH, THAT THE GENERAL IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE  
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OF THE MILITARY AS A WHOLE, WHICH HAS MANY YOUNGER OFFI-  
CERS AVAILABLE FOR LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES WHO ARE  
WELL PREPARED, BROAD-GAUGED AND POLITICALLY AWARE.

2. ARTICLE -- "EXPERT EXPECTS TERRORISTS TO RETALIATE FOR  
ENTEBBE RAID"

THE POST QUOTES AMBASSADOR DOUGLAS HECK AS SAYING HE EXPECTS ARAB TERRORIST RETALIATION FOR THE ISRAELI RAID ON ENTEBBE LAST JULY. STATE DEPT OFFICIALS ALSO FEAR THAT DESPITE THE CUBAN GOVT'S INDICATIONS THAT IT WILL ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THE ANTI-HIJACKING TREATY, THERE WILL BE A COUPLE OF HIJACKINGS "TO PROVE IT."

NEW YORK TIMES

1. EDITORIAL -- "QUOTATIONS FROM GENERAL BROWN, AGAIN"

THE TIMES FEELS THAT GEN BROWN'S RECORD AS A PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER "CANNOT INDEFINITELY SUPPORT THE MUDDLED POLITICAL DOCTRINES THAT SEEM TO SWIRL IN THE GENERAL'S MIND."

ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, GENERAL BROWN'S ATTITUDES REFLECT THE ATTITUDES AND PURPOSES OF THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. THE GENERAL IS DISENCHANTED WITH A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, A DANGEROUS FRAME OF MIND FOR AN OFFICER IN HIS POSITION.

2. EDITORIAL -- "KOREAN WATERGATE OR WASHOUT?"

IN A RATHER LENGTHY EDITORIAL, THE TIMES TRACES THE HISTORY OF THE INVESTIGATION OF "KOREAGATE." IT COMES TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION IS CRUCIAL, SINCE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS CAN SOMETIMES ELICIT INFORMATION THAT WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE FORTHCOMING IN COURT.

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THE TIMES CONCLUDES THAT THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS MR PARK CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO FADE AWAY UNTIL A FULL ACCOUNTING IS PUBLICLY RENDERED.

3. ARTICLE -- "US AND CUBANS DISCUSSED LINKS IN TALKS IN 1975"(BY DAVID BINDER)

BINDER OUTLINES A SERIES OF "SECRET TALKS" CONDUCTED BETWEEN THE US AND CUBA IN 1974-75.

ACCORDING TO "ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS" THE TALKS WERE CONDUCTED AT A SERIES OF MEETINGS AT JFK AIRPORT IN NY, NATIONAL AIRPORT IN WASHINGTON AND THE HOTEL PIERRE IN NY. THE US PRINCIPALS WERE FORMER ARA ASST SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS AND LAWRENCE EAGLEBURGER. TWO CUBAN LEADERS, WHOM THE SOURCES DECLINED TO NAME, PARTICIPATED FOR THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

THE TALKS WERE BEGUN AT THE INITIATIVE OF HENRY KIS-

SINGER, "TO CLARIFY AND CATALOGUE OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HAVANA AND TO EXPLORE PATHS FOR RESOLVING THEM." THE TALKS BEGAN IN 1974 WHEN EAGLEBURGER PHONED THE CUBAN MISSION TO THE UN, AND A SERIES OF MEETINGS EVOLVED, WITH MR. ROGERS BEING BROUGHT IN LATER.

MR. ROGERS CHARACTERIZED THE TALKS AS "EXPLORATORY." HE RECALLS THAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT MANY WAYS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES, BUT DID NOT REACH "THE POINT OF TRADE-OFFS."

MR. ROGERS HAD ONE FINAL 90 MINUTE MEETING WITH A CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE HEIGHT OF THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR. AT THAT TIME, HE MADE CLEAR THE US OPPOSITION TO THE CUBAN ROLE, BUT "DID NOT SLAM THE DOOR ON FURTHER TALKS." THERE WAS NO RESPONSE AFTER THAT MEETING.

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IN RETROSPECT, SOME US OFFICIALS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS NOT THE WAR IN ANGOLA THAT STOPPED RAPPROCHEMENT, BUT A DECISION BY CASTRO THAT HE COULD NOT HANDLE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE US AT THAT TIME.

#### 4. ARTICLE -- "SAKHAROV, ON 'THIS FRIGHTFUL SITUATION'"

THE TIMES PUBLISHES AN ARTICLE BY ANDREI SAKHAROV ON HIS TREATMENT BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES SINCE THE CARTER LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO HIM.

SAKHAROV CONSIDERS IT HIS DUTY TO CONTINUE WITH HIS PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AND URGES THE WORLD TO SPEAK OUT IN DEFENSE OF DISSIDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE.

#### 5. ARTICLE -- "ISRAEL'S DELEGATE TO UN SAYS ALL PLO FACTIONS DENY ITS RIGHT TO EXIST"

KITTY TELSCH WRITES OF CHAIM HERZOG'S DECLARATION IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. HERZOG DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A THING AS A "MODERATE" FACTION OF THE PLO, AND SAYS ALL GROUPINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OPPOSE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST.

HERZOG ALSO CRITICISES EGYPT'S REQUEST FOR THE DEBATE.

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